(c) Bank of Baroda has reported hat regularisation of daily-waged art-time messengers was delayed lue to certain technical objections aised by the local Employment Exchange. These have since been sorted out and appointment of regular nessengers have been made as per iorms laid down by NABARD.

Indian Cost Accounts Service Officers

2427. SHRI HARI SINGH:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Indian Cost Accounts Service was constituted and which authority administers the same;

(b) how many officers of the service have stayed for more than four years at one place in the same organisation;

(c) how the service would be made effective without the rotation of officers; and

(d) what are the criteria involved for deputation of officers from the service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The Indian Cost Accounts Service was constituted in September 1978. This service is administered by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure).

(b) 11 officers as on date.

(c) As far as possible, the policy of rotation of officers is followed. However, due to a general shortage of officers in the service, rotation of officers is being done keeping in view the administrative requirements of the participating organisations.

(d) In view of the general shortage of officers in the Indian Cost Accounts Service, generally officers empanelled by the Department of Personnel and Training for Central deputation are considered for deputation. Where, however, requests for deputation are received direct, these cases are decided keeping the overall interest of the Service, seniority of the officer concerned, and the job requirements of the post.

Foreign Exchange spent on Import of Rifampicin

2428. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that $209 per kg. are being spent on import of intermediate of the drug Rifampicin;

(b) whether the drug Rifampicin is available at $150 per kg.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the difference is being over-invoiced and being siphoned off as foreign exchange from the country; and

(d) how have the producers now started importing Rifa-S instead of 3 Formly Rifa-SV without specific approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The import of drug intermediate 3 Formly Rifamycin SV has been noticed at Bombay Airport at the rate of US Dollar 190 to 197 (CIF).

(b) The import of the drug Rifampicin B.P. at the rate of US Dollar 250 per kg. has been noticed. Import at the rate of US Dollar 150 per kg. has not been noticed at Bombay Airport.